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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2001, entry of the following Amendments and Remarks is respectfully requested. A response to the Office Action was originally due July 23, 2001. Applicants submit herewith a Petition of Extension of Time to extend the time to reply to the Office Action for three months, until October 23, 2001. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Specification**

Please insert the following paragraph in place of the paragraph at page 1, line 2 to 8.

The present application is a continuation-in-part of United States Serial No. 08/947,794 filed October 8, 1997 and issued as U.S. Patent 5,849,510,